

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Cancel Figure 20.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 28-46.

REMARKS:

This application has been carefully studied and amended in view of the Office Action dated January 23, 2002. Reconsideration of that action is requested in view of the following.

It is respectfully requested that the requirement for submission of the original patent be held in abeyance until this application is otherwise in condition for allowance.

Attached hereto is a substitute specification and claims wherein the original patent is presented in double column format.

Since the features of newly added Figure 20 are no longer being claimed, Figure 20 has been canceled. The specification insert referring to Figure 20 has also been deleted. In addition, the subject matter directed to be added after line 27 of column 5, in lines 22-23 of that insert have been canceled to comply with the position taken by Examiner Blau that such subject matter is new matter.

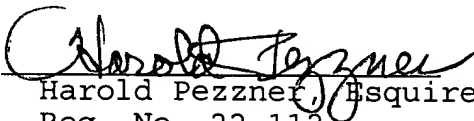
A substitute declaration is attached hereto.

Subsequent to the filing of this reissue application the original patent (and application) has been assigned to Innercore Grip Company. Accordingly, attached is a written consent of the new assignee.

Claims 28-46 which were added upon the filing of this application have been canceled. Applicants are in the meantime filing a divisional application so that the subject matter of claims 35-39 can be examined. It is understood that in accordance with MPEP 1540 the prosecution of this present application will be held in abeyance until the prosecution of the divisional application is completed. If the claims in the divisional application are found to be allowable, both applications will be combined so that there will be only a single reissue patent.

Since all of the matters raised in the Office Action have been addressed herein this application should be in condition for allowance subject to the completion of the prosecution of the divisional application noted above.

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(Insert after line 27 of column 5)

As illustrated in FIG. 8 inner core 16 tapers in diameter from one end to its other end. FIG. 11 similarly shows the vibration absorbing material 20 to taper in diameter from one end to its other end. FIGS. 16-19 show the combined unit 32 formed from gripping structure 20 around inner core 16 to taper from one end to its other end.

A) As described in U.S. application Ser. No. 560,699 filed Nov. 20, 1995, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,653,643 various uses could be made of the vibration absorbing material. [FIG. 20 illustrates the] The material being applied to a fibreglass mesh to form a tacky tape 132 [which] would be wrapped around a handle 134. The material could also be applied to a tape or cloth or to itself. [As illustrated in FIG. 20 the] The handle could be a racquet, fishing rod, bat, etc., rather than a golf club. The application techniques would depend on the sport (e.g. tennis, lacrosse, etc.)

The invention may also be practiced to improve the performance of a golf club by providing the vibration absorbing material as a filler within the hollow core of the shaft or handle. This could be in addition to or instead of using the material as a grip.

[The material can also be applied to putters, hockey sticks, shoulder pads, etc.]

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